Design of signal and information systems is traditionally performed by generating independently a hardware circuitry and a software stack using long-term supported languages such as VHDL and C. Decades of research efforts on compilers have automated transformations from high-level state machine-based representations to many different forms of middleware and hardware. However, system integration and validation remain difficult operations, inflating design and verification costs and fostering technological conservatism.

Since the early 2000s, initiatives are flourishing that automate design steps using model-based engineering, actor-oriented design, design space exploration, etc. These initiatives share a common concern of focusing on model semantics rather than on language syntaxes.

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